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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re **PATENT** application of:

Applicant: Benveniste

Serial No.: 10/669,186

For: ION BEAM SLIT EXTRACTION WITH MASS SEPARATION

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PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW

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Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

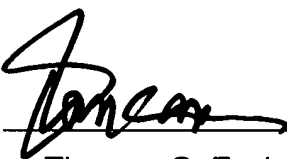
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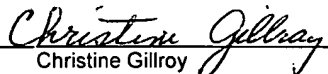
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Claims 1-17 and 21-29 are pending in this application. Claims 1, 4-7, 8-13, 15-17, 21, 23 and 25-29 were rejected under Section 103 over Benveniste (USPN 5,554,857). Withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested for at least the following reasons.

Benveniste discloses ***electromagnets having coils*** that are configured to provide *adjustable magnetic fields*, whereas the inventions set forth in independent claims 1, 21 and 29 provide ***permanent magnets*** for dipole magnetic field generation. The Office Action admits the deficiency of Benveniste, but avers that it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art to modify Benveniste in accordance with the claimed invention. Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Modifying a prior art reference is appropriate when one of ordinary skill in the art would have been motivated to do so. Such motivation may be found in the nature of the problem to be solved, in the teachings of the prior art, or in the general knowledge of persons of ordinary skill in the art. MPEP § 2143.01 (I) (*citing In re Rouffet*, 149 F.3d 1350 (Fed. Cir. 1998)). However, ***if a proposed modification would render the prior art unsatisfactory for its intended purpose, then there is no suggestion or motivation to make the proposed modification.*** MPEP § 2143.01 (V) (*citing In re Gordon*, 733 F.2d 900 (Fed. Cir. 1984)). It is respectfully submitted that the proposed modification would render the Benveniste reference unsatisfactory for its intended purpose for at least the following reasons.

Benveniste is directed to an ion implantation system that employs a mass analyzer having primary coils for creation of a dipole magnetic field. (See, e.g., Col. 2, lines 35-40). ***The selection of electromagnets employing coils in the prior art reference is not arbitrary, but instead is employed for the express purpose of flexibility.*** For example, the reference explicitly states the following:

The strength of both the quadrapole and dipole fields are adjusted by a controller electrically coupled to the primary and additional current carrying coils of said magnet.

A magnet constructed in accordance with the invention adds flexibility to the implanter. This flexibility allows the implanter to be used with different species ions at low energy implant levels. (Col. 2, lines 47-53).

Therefore Benveniste uses electromagnets for the express purpose of flexibility; so that when changing dopant species that have a different mass-energy product, the same system may be used by simply adjusting the dipole magnetic field strength *via* the current in the primary coils. Consequently, a modification of Benveniste to employ permanent magnets in accordance with the claimed invention would render Benveniste unsatisfactory for its intended purpose. Consequently one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to do so. Therefore claims 1, 21 and 29 are non-obvious over the cited art.

The claims remaining in this application depend from independent claims 1, 21 or 29 and are thus also allowable over Benveniste, where the other references previously cited do not make up for the deficiencies of Benveniste. Withdrawal of this rejection is therefore respectfully requested.